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### REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 29 and 33-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kubo et al., claims 4, 21-23, 25-26, 28, 30-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubo et al., and claims 36-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubo et al. in view of Okamoto et al. Claim 19 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 is now amended to include all the limitations of claim 19 which is canceled. The amended claim 1 is allowable.

Claim 2 is amended to include a period at the end of the claim, and claims 21, 24, 26-28, 34-35, 37 and 39 are amended to correct a few informalities in the claims. Claims 2-18 and 20-39 are all dependent on the amended claim 1 which is a generic claim.

The following is a quote from MPEP 806.04(d) -

*Once a claim that is determined to be generic is allowed, all of the claims drawn to species in addition to the elected species which include all the limitations of the generic claim will ordinarily be obviously allowable in view of the allowance of the generic claim, since the additional species will depend thereon or otherwise include all of the limitations thereof.*

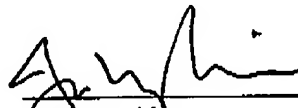
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Pursuant to MPEP 806.04(d), applicant respectfully requests that all dependent claims of claim 1 drawn to species in addition to the elected species be allowed. By virtue of dependency, claims 2-18 and 20-39 should also be allowable.

The above amendment has been made without prejudice. Claims 1-18, and 20-39 are now in full condition for allowance. The specification has been amended to correct a few editorial and grammatical errors. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued for this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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